

# Sundays after Pentecost

July 3rd, 2022



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We are delighted to have you with us!

Please follow all COVID-19 restrictions.

**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Processional

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria (S-280)

BCP 357

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The Collect

The Lessons

First Reading

The Psalm

Gospel Hymn

The Holy Gospel

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayer for Congregations in Transitions (*Listed Below - Please read together*)

The Prayers of the People

BCP 385

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

Offering Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Sanctus (S-129)

BCP 362

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Recessional

Blessing

Dismissal from the Rear

## *THE COLLECT*

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *THE OLD TESTAMENT*

### **Isaiah 66:10-14**

Thus says the Lord:

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her~  
that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.  
As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.  
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies."

### *THE RESPONSE*

**Psalm 66:1-8**

#### *Jubilate Deo*

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe  
before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

## *THE EPISTLE*

### **Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16**

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised~ only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule~ peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

## *THE GOSPEL*

### **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

## SUNDAYS after PENTECOST

July 3rd, 2022

### PARISH NOTES

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed. Please give to the Treasurer, Tom Culver, in an envelope labeled Diaper Pantry. **Donations of diaper wipes and pull-ups are appreciated.** We covered 23 baby bottoms in June.

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact Nancy Shipman at 570-286-0430 to volunteer. Donations of canned fruits & vegetables are welcome. The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated.**

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME:** Church service time is 10:00 AM. Masks are now optional.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

**CHILDREN MINISTRY:** Please consider your participation and role in this vital ministry. Please let Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta know, 570-898-2275, if you are interested in working to teach our children & guide them in faith.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of all ages. Are you being called to the lay ministry of **Eucharistic Minister** (someone who helps with communion from the altar and distributes the chalice), **Crucifer** (someone who carries the cross in procession) or **Lector** (someone who reads the lessons and the "prayers of the people.") We are also looking to train servers of all ages for the ministry of **Thurifer** (someone who dispenses incense with the thurible.) Please contact Anissa DeCaprio-Sanduta if interested.

**LAY MINISTRIES:** Anyone interested in participating with any of the Lay Ministries, please contact any Vestry member or speak with Mary Ann Loftus.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Zartman's Chermside Pavilion, Kratzerville (print-out directions are available

### **PARISH NOTES** *(cont.)*

or if using GPS: use 1107 Scrubby Hill Lane, Selinsgrove, this will get you close to the place). Service will start at 11:00 am, the meal to follow afterward. Meat will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

**JULY 4<sup>th</sup> FLOAT:** St. Matthew will be hosting a Float in the Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Anyone interested in participating (**you may either walk or ride**), please contact Connie Kistler or Cyn Reid. Info for where to meet will be announced later. The parade route may be viewed on the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration website.

### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Fran Zartman (2020-2022, 2022-2024)\*

Roy Casey (2021-2023)

Cyn Reid (2020-2022, 2022-2024)\*

Pam Schlegel (2021-2023)

Nathan Blanchard (2021-2023)

Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta (2021-2023)

Carol Lamparter (2022-2024)

Martha Bohner (2022-2024)

Lynda Schlegel-Culver (2022-2024)

Senior Warden: Mary Ann Loftus

Junior Warden: Roy Casey

Clerk of the Vestry: Cynthia Reid

Senior Warden Emeritus: Charlie Schlegel

### **DELEGATES TO CONVENTION IN 2022**

Cyn Reid

Barb Sauter

(\* indicates that the person must wait one year before running for vestry again in the final year of election)

## *A Guide for Congregations in Transition*

The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

*Merciful God, be with us and guide us; open our minds and teach us; open our hearts and surround us with your love that we may feel your presence in all our works. Imbue us with wisdom and awareness of your vision as we seek a new rector and spiritual leader. Grant us an adventurous spirit, willing to attempt new tasks and face new ways, ever mindful of the need to listen more to your still, small voice than to our own fancies and desires. Grant continued grace and commitment to those who have been called to serve as members of the Profile and Search Committees, that they may become faithful companions to each other, to the Vestry, and to this Parish. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Stephen, Frances (Fran), Pamela, Kelsey, Alayah, Angela, Stan, Alexis, Tanya, Steve K., Weston, Church of the Redeemer, Linda, Mother Becky, Leilani, Mike E., Mike B., Laticia H., Sheldon V., and Joan R. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan D., Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all the departed, especially for Judy Sickle.

(\* Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Secretary, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they can be added for the next upcoming Sunday.)

### **DONATIONS:**

\*\*You can now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "on line" at the link listed: <https://diocesecpa.org/stewardship>

Or you may continue to mail your contributions to:

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**All tithes and offerings are greatly appreciated**